

## **Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

### **1. Exploring the Possibilities of the Redesigned Curriculum in the Visual and Performing Arts**

Visual and Performing Arts programs throughout the Burnaby School District enrich the learning experience for students, and in some cases, provide pathways to future careers. Students within the district can choose from a wide array of courses within the Visual and Performing Arts Department such as dance, music, drama and the visual arts.

Visual images have the power to impact learning, emotion and understanding of the world around us. Within the redesigned British Columbia curriculum, students will be developing their ability to think critically and creatively across multiple disciplines. Through this medium, teachers and students have the opportunity to develop skills to represent their learning and themselves through visual art.

At Burnaby North, Visual Arts teachers offer unique programs such as Enriched Social Studies 9 and 10, Art for students in the ACCESS program, an Advanced Placement Studio Arts which is broken down into 2D, 3D, and Photography as well as Advanced Placement Art History. Art is a universal language that speaks to individuals in personalized ways.

This evening, Reg LaPlante, Program Consultant for the Visual and Performing Arts, will introduce Burnaby North Visual Arts teachers, Mia Letonin and Cecile Steudel, who will provide a snapshot of the depth and breadth of learning that occurs in their classrooms. Grade 10 through 12 students, Cassandra Nicolas, Diego Markowsky, Cassia Kitaoka, Carol Li, and Elsie Wang, will share ways in which experiences in the visual arts have impacted their lives.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.